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SUBJECT: LOS: JOINT ROK/ US HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

1. NAVOCEANO REPRESENTATIVE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT USNS CHAUVENET IS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS JULY- DECEMBER 1973 OFF SOUTHWEST COAST OF KOREA. OUTER LIMIT OF SURVEY AREA FORMED BY LINE CONNECTING FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A. 32 DEGREES 30 MINUTES NORTH
126 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST
- B. 32 DEGREES 45 MINUTES NORTH
125 DEGREES 39 MINUTES EAST
- C. 33 DEGREES 23 MINUTES NORTH
124 DEGREES 51 MINUTES EAST
- D. 33 DEGREES 48 MINUTES NORTH
124 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST
- E. 34 DEGREES 05 MINUTES NORTH
124 DEGREES 51 MINUTES EAST

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2. OPERATIONS THIS YEAR ARE CONTINUATION OF JOINT US- ROK SURVEY PROGRAM UNDERWAY FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN OTHER AREAS ALONG KOREAN COAST. THE DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR IS THAT DISTANCE FROM COAST IS GREATER. THE LOCATION COVERS PORTIONS OF THREE ROK EXPLORATION CONCESSION ZONES AND IS CLOSE TO AREA MADE SENSITIVE BY CONFLICTING PRC- ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF CLAIMS. ALTHOUGH SHIP WILL NOT BE MAKING SEISMIC SURVEY OR CONDUCTING MINERAL EXPLORATION, ITS ACTIVITIES WILL BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THOSE OF OIL SURVEY SHIPS. THIS SURFACE RESEMBLANCE MAY DRAW PRC ATTENTION, ESPECIALLY AS VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONICS.

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES PROJECT RECEIVED ALL APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON AGENCY CLEARANCES. WE ARE REPORTING THIS INFORMATION ONLY TO ENSURE THAT DEPARTMENT DOES HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER WHETHER USG SURVEY IN AREA PLANNED WOULD HAVE IMPACT ON LOS CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS IN UNLIKELY EVENT ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING VESSEL OCCURS.
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